GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
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RELEASE OF CENTRAL ASSISTANCE UNDER POST MATRIC SCHOLARSHIP FOR OBC STUDENTS
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Maharashtra had sent a proposal to the Union Government for sanction of financial assistance of Rs.17183.35 lakh duridng 1997-98 to 2002-03 under the scheme of Post-Matric Scholarship for OBC students;

(b) if so, whether the Union Government had released only Rs. 439.40 lakh on March 30, 2005; (

(c) if so, whether the Government of Maharashtra had requested the Union Government to release the balance amount;

(d) if so, the reasons for not releasing the balance amount to the Government of Mahadrashtra; and

(e) the time by which the balance is likely to be released?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE & EMPOWERMENT (SMT. SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN)

(a) Union Government had received a proposal from Government of Maharashtra for re- imbursement of Rs. 120.68 lakhs for the amount already incurred by them during the year 1997-98 to 2001-02 and also a proposal for Rs. 26.96 lakhs for the year 2001-02 under Post Matric Scholarship for OBC students.

(b) An amount of Rs. 4,39,13,645/- was released on 30th March, 2002. No funds were released on March, 30, 2005.

(c) (d) & (e) Govt. of Maharashtra further requested for release of funds to the tune of Rs. 200.00 crore during the year 2004-05 but no funds could be released due to non-availability of Utilisation Certificate of the funds released earlier to State Govt., Audited Accounts for the year 2002-03 onwards and number of persons benefited, by the State Govt. Union government releases these funds under the Scheme to States/UTs on receipt of proposals from them on year-to-year basis.